

Three Facts of Sin (James 1:13-16)

Proposition: Every one of us must understand the three basic facts of sin revealed in the passage of scripture before us today.

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The Three Facts of Sin (James 1:13-16)

Gary Richman, a former zoo keeper explains that raccoons go through a glandular change about 24 months old. After that, they often attack their owners. Richman had a friend named Julie who owned a pet raccoon. Since a 30lb raccoon can equal a 100lb dog in a fight, he felt compelled to warn her of the coming change. "It'll be different for me," she replied with a smile. "Bandit wouldn't hurt me. He just wouldn't." Three months later Julie underwent plastic surgery for facial lacerations sustained when her adult raccoon attacked her for no apparent reason. Bandit was released into the wild.

Sin may come dressed in an adorable disguise but one thing is for sure, sin is not a pet. It is a wild beast that has the potential to destroy lives and send men women boys & girls to hell. Sin must be fled from not fiddled with. It must be shunned not submitted to. It must be protested not played with.

The Book of I Realize the Origin of Sin (13-14)

Where does sin come from? Sound like a question that would come from a four year old child, but it is a very important the

logical question that James wants to make

A. Sin isn't Based in God's Design (13) - In James' day there were many that thought that God created w/in man an evil impulse to sin, implying that God was indirectly responsible for sin. Ex: When God confronted Adam of his disobedience in the garden of Eden, his reply was Gen 3:12, "Then gavest me?" Now often times in Bible you will find God tempting as a test. He is a solicitor rather than a tempter but opportunity to obey. (14) There is absolutely nothing in the nature of God that responds to evil, so He cannot be tempted w/it. Therefore He

B. Sin is Begun in Our Desire (14a) - But no, James goes on to say it's not God's fault it's your fault. As Dr Phil would say, "You need to own it" Broth yes God gave us desires inwardly. Desires that can be fulfilled in a Godly manner, but to sin is to fulfill those desires in an ungodly way. Our lusts can be boiled down to as

John 2:16 says. To these, in their various shapes & forms, every man is drawn to. Satan is the tempter to evil. His allurement has success because of the lusts of our heart

II Renew the Outline of Sin (14) -

Now in vs 14 we not only see the true origin of sin but we see an outline or the game plan that Satan uses to

1) ...book of James is a very practical book. I call it a where the rubber meets the road epistle. And in the passage we read today we see very basic facts about sin. Sin, disobedience, iniquity, transgression all these words describe a rebellion from God. Every one of us must understand the three basic facts of sin revealed in the passage of scripture before us today.

2) Genesis 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

3) Genesis 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham...

4) ...Therefore He cannot tempt any man to sin. It is completely foreign to his nature. I've heard the same old argument that Adam made time and time again. Because of these parents I have I sin. Because of the job I have I sin. Because of these desires I have I sin. God made me this way. But it is clear from God's word it's not His fault if and when you sin!

5) 1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1) ...league this year, I noticed that these guys would take it pretty serious about here. When the coaches would talk they would cover their mouths to ensure that the other team would not know their game plan. Well when it comes to big league sin, God lifts the lid on Satan's game plan.

2) ...in crime. Lust in the spy within the city wall, conspiring with Lure, the enemy outside the gates. This is why Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

cause us to sin. When Eve was in little league this

A. Sin Begins w/ Enticement (14a)

The words "drawn away" speaks of being drawn to a baited trap. A lone metal trap would be useless in the woods but filled with a meaty snack is sure to appeal to the desires of the prey. Satan always dangles something in front of us that is appealing to our our lusts something that seemingly would please the senses, meet the need, fulfill the desire. These like invisible ropes begin to bind us tighter, draw us closer to evil. Until finally

B. Sin Brings an Entrapment (14b) -

The word "enticement" is a fishing term that speaks of luring a fish hook. The hook holds a nice juicy worm, the fish sees that juicy worm. It suddenly strikes it tastes the worm, but there is a hook, he can not break free! Entrapped! The tempting trap of sin, not only draws us away from the Lord, but into the stronghold of sin. Lust of our heart + the lure of Satan work hand in hand. "One has

Picture Lust and Lure as partners in crime

III. Respect the Outcome of Sin (15-16)

Oh the outcome of sin. It may be an old and over used statement but it is one that must be remembered! Sin takes

you further transgression to go. costs more than
A. The Birth of Sin (15a) - James is present
ing a word picture here. Lust is personified
as an harlot. In this picture our will
has yielded to the incentives of our lusts
and the outcome is sin. James describes
it as conception. A baby is born. There
is pleasure for the moment. But the sad
effects of sin may injure for a lifetime. Take
David in 2 Samuel 11 vs 2 "He saw" the bathing
Bathsheba. Rev David Km! vs 3 David sent and
enquired "sin conceived" Turn away David! No it's
only a matter of time till sin be hatched. vs 4 "Took Her"

B. The Bringing of Death (15b) - Here
we see the L.S.D. of Satan: Lust -
sin - Death. When sin is finished, when
it has run its course, when it is full grown
it brings forth death. Sin never produces
what it claims on the cover. "It has a
way of growing and when it is full grown
it brings forth death... A young man
was to be hanged on the gallows. He said
The start of this was when, as a boy, I stole
a penny out of my mother's pocketbook."
Death is always the result of sin. Romans 6:23

IV. Close - Sin is not a kitten or a
puppy. It is a beautiful yet deadly
animal. Don't be enticed and lured
by its beauty turn and run from it flee
to God, lest you be overtaken with it.

- 1) ...more than we want to pay, and keeps us longer than we want to stay. In the previous verses we learned the source of sin, now we will know the course of sin.

- 2) ...the consequences of that single moment of pleasure would last a life time.

- 3) Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* If you are here lost today and have never placed your trust in the Lord Jesus, the end road to a life of sin is death in hell! But in the life of the lost sinner and the saved saint, sin equals separation from God! Separation into hell for the sinners, separation in fellowship with God for the saint. You find yourselves separated from real joy and real happiness. It's no wonder James says in vs. 16 "Do not err." The words mean, "don't be pulled away." James is telling us not to let Satan pull us away in to sin.